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# AJHS student serves as ambassador

By Mike Lydick  
Turley Publications  
Correspondent

AGAWAM — Amanda Moquin wants to make the world a better place. That's why the Agawam Junior High School eighth grader was thrilled to participate in Gov. Deval Patrick's annual community service program that honors Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy.

Moquin represented Agawam at Project 351, a nonprofit organization dedicated to celebrating youth leadership, inspiring the ethic of service, and building unity across the state. She was among 400 eighth-grade "ambassadors" from around Massachusetts who performed community service at several non-profit organizations locations in Boston on Saturday, Jan. 18.

AJHS Principal Norm Robbins said each of his three eighth grade teaching teams nominated one to two students in November. Nominations were based on students' school and community involvement and spirit as well as their



Turley Publications photo by Mike Lydick

**Eighth grader Amanda Moquin meets with teacher Jennifer MacDonald, the Project 351 faculty advisor. Moquin represented Agawam recently in Boston at Project 351 – a community service program that honors Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy.**

leadership skills and potential. Moquin is the fourth AJHS student to participate in Project 351 since its inception in 2011.

"Amanda was an outstanding candidate from the start," Robbins said. "She's a natural leader and role model for her peers. Her community involvement and willingness to help others is equally admirable."

Moquin, 13, said she was "pretty surprised" when she learned Robbins and Superintendent William Sapelli selected her from among all the nominated eighth graders. "There are a lot of great students in my class, so I feel very honored," she said.

AJHS teacher Jennifer MacDonald, faculty advisor/coach for Project 351 and Moquin's Spanish teacher, said student ambassadors are chosen for their exemplary ethic of service, potential for leadership, and embodiment of the values of compassion, commitment, humility, and kindness.

As a Project 351 coach, MacDonald serves as mentor and part-

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## Council split on contract negotiations

*Deadlocked in a 5-5 vote last week*

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
Turley Publications  
Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam City Council lacked the majority vote needed to fund new three-year contracts negotiated by seven different unions representing Agawam town employees.

The council was deadlocked in a 5-5 vote last week to fund a 2 percent raise for employees in

fiscal year (FY) 2014, and 1.5 percent increases in FY2015 and FY2016. There were no cost-of-living adjustments included.

Councilors voting against funding the contract agreed that last year's budget process was the benchmark for what the raises should have been. Council President Christopher Johnson said the amount of money required to fund the increased salaries during the current fiscal year exceeded the amount the council approved back in June 2013.

Council Vice President Dennis Perry agreed, saying the council

was ignored.

"When we were hashing out the budget, we agreed to cut the salary reserve to be used in contract negotiations," said Perry. "The unions turned around and negotiated for what they wanted. It was like a slap in the face."

Perry said the council funded \$210,000 to cover salary increases. Johnson said that would have funded an approximately 1.5 percent raise during FY2014.

"We made a decision beforehand about what we could afford," said Johnson. "The amount they

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## YMCA breaks ground in Agawam

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
Turley Publications  
Correspondent

AGAWAM – Construction has started on a brand new YMCA Fitness and Wellness center that will have the overtones of a community center.

A ceremonial groundbreaking ceremony was held Thursday, Jan.

23 at the site of the future Y located near 51 Springfield St.

Kirk Smith, the president and chief executive officer of the YMCA of Greater Springfield, said the project is new, innovative, and will be closely watched by surrounding communities.

The Agawam YMCA Wellness Program and Family Center will

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## Residents displaced after kitchen fire

*Two people transported to hospital for smoke inhalation*

By Jennifer Wroblewski  
Staff Writer

AGAWAM — Two people were transported to Baystate Medical Center earlier this week with minor smoke inhalation following a kitchen fire at an apartment complex located on Springfield Street, according to Agawam Fire Chief Alan Sirois.

Firefighters were called to Brady Village Apartments around 4:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27 for a reported kitchen fire that started when grease ignited while the resident was cooking, said Sirois. The occupant and an unidentified Agawam police officer who arrived to assist, sustained "minor smoke inhalation" and were transported to Baystate Medical Center where they were listed in stable condition, said Sirois.

Firefighters were able to extin-

guish the fire "very quickly after the arrival of the first engine on scene," Sirois said.

The apartment sustained fire damage to the kitchen and smoke damage throughout the first floor. Other units in the complex were not affected, said Sirois, who estimated the damage at about \$25,000.

The apartment is not habitable, he said.

Additional information was not available at presstime.



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**Kirk Smith, the president and chief executive officer of the YMCA of Greater Springfield, speaks at a press conference and ceremonial groundbreaking held last Thursday.**



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Feeding Hills photographer Randy Ennis sent us this image recently of a hawk he found in a snowy (tornado-devastated) tree in his backyard. Do you have your own wildlife photos to share? Send them to *Agawam Advertiser News* Editor Jennifer Wroblewski at [jwroblewski@turley.com](mailto:jwroblewski@turley.com).

WHERE IS IT?

Each week *Agawam Advertiser News* will feature a photo of a local building, item, sign, place or landmark and ask readers to pick their brains to figure out where it is or even what it is. Check here each week to test your knowledge of the area where we live and work. The photo will be from either Agawam or Feeding Hills, but we'll always give you a hint or two.

The answer to this week's "Where is it?" will run in next week's edition along with the name of the first person to submit a correct answer and a new trivia photo for you to consider.

E-mail answers or future Where Is It? suggestions to editor Jennifer Wroblewski at [jwroblewski@turley.com](mailto:jwroblewski@turley.com).



Turley Publications staff photo by Jennifer Wroblewski

This plaque adorns a M-60 Tank monument somewhere in Feeding Hills. Tell us, do you know where it is?

Last week's photo: Correctly guessing Agawam Town Hall were Sue Meunier, Kristie Moccia, Jeff Dubiel, Bridget Tourigny, Karen Vella, and Carol Booker.



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## Agawam Democrats to elect convention delegates

Democrats in Agawam will hold a caucus Saturday, Feb. 15 at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. to elect delegates and alternates to the 2014 Massachusetts Democratic Convention.

The doors will open at 12:30 p.m. and those in attendance must be in line by 1 p.m. in order to vote. This year, the convention will be held Saturday, June 14 at the DCU Center in Worcester and is an endorsing convention, where candidates for statewide offices will seek to earn the nomination of the party delegates. The caucus is open to all registered Demo-

crats in Agawam and all interested participants are welcome. Delegates will be divided equally between men and women, and all ballots will be written and secret. To vote in the caucus, Democrats must be registered as Democrats as of Dec. 31, 2013.

The Agawam Democratic Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library. All Agawam Democrats are welcome.

For more information on the caucus or the committee, contact Rosemary Sandlin, chairperson, Agawam Democratic Committee at rsand8006@aol.com or 786-3256.

## Shingles vaccine available for eligible residents

The Agawam Health Department has a limited supply of shingles vaccine for uninsured or underinsured adults age 60 years old or older. Eligible residents must provide at the time of their appointment a letter from their healthcare provider stating they have been medically cleared to receive

the vaccination. Residents who are immune suppressed, on long-term steroids, allergic to neomycin or gelatin may not receive the vaccine.

Call the Agawam Health Department at 786-0400 ext. 8722 to schedule an appointment. A \$15 administration fee is required.

## ASBAC to host Quickbooks workshops

The Agawam Small Business Assistance Center will hold two free "Quickbooks" workshops in February conducted by Amy Grobowski, professional Quickbooks consultant. These workshops will be held at the Agawam Senior Center on Main Street in Agawam.

The first workshop will cover the beginner basics of using the Quickbooks system, including how to set up checks, balance sheets, invoices, tracking sales, and other Quickbook items. The beginner workshop will be held Feb. 4 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m..

The second workshop will cover the more advanced areas of Quickbooks with emphasis on the shortcuts, managing company finances, taxes, syncing data, and more. There

will be instruction on how to be more organized, how to manage who has paid you and who hasn't, the new email functions, banking transactions and more. The Advanced Quickbooks system workshop will be held on Feb. 11 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Both workshops include new and updated material, and these seminars fill up quickly. Although the workshops are free, registration is requested online at [www.asbac.net](http://www.asbac.net) or by calling the reservation hotline and leaving a message at (413) 786-0172.

## Planning board, council hold workshop

### Mixed use Business C zoning amendment discussed

By Christopher Faille

Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM – Four years have passed now since the town put forth its 2010 Agawam Economic Development Plan, and pursuant to the implementation of that vision, the Agawam Planning Board hosted a workshop with the Agawam City Council Thursday, Jan. 16, during which the "Mixed Use Business C District Zoning Amendment" was discussed.

According to Deborah Dachos, director of Planning and Community Development, the 2010 plan recommended the redevelopment "of vacant and underutilized properties for retail, commercial, and mixed-use" and the encouragement of "design standards that address architectural design, landscaping, pedestrian movement, and traffic flow," that would create a "village/town center for residents."

Much of the Q-and-A that followed Dachos' presentation involved the former 'Games and Lanes' building, a site encompassing more than 2 acres that is contaminated by a dry-cleaning chemical and thus regarded as a 'brownfield.' One of the participants in the meeting called this "the biggest eyesore in town staring everyone in the face."

Dachos said that she is working very hard to find a private developer who will take on the task of building up this area in accord with the 2010 vision, but there is a large

hurdle for any such developer: an estimated \$600,000 price tag attached to the necessary clean-up, a price that may go higher.

If a developer does have faith in the profitability of its plans – enough faith to invest the money needed to take responsibility for the brownfield – the town doesn't want to be in the position of saying, "We want you to expend that money but we don't know if what you want to do with the property to make it worthwhile will then be allowed anyway." Part of the goal of the new mixed-use zone, then, is to increase the level of confidence with which a developer could approach the risks and rewards.

Currently, the area is a hodgepodge of zones: Business A, Business B, and Industrial A. If the mixed use zoning amendment passes, it will be rationalized into one zone: Business C.

Dachos said that she understands some officials in town are concerned that the ZBA will lose discretionary authority with the creation of the new zone. But she added this is a misunderstanding. Much of what will be doable in the new zone will require a special permit, so the ZBA won't be forfeiting control; it will actually be gaining additional tools in overseeing, for example, drive-through service windows or dry cleaners.

A sit-down restaurant will, under the proposed ordinance, be allowed by right within the new zone, but it could not be free-standing. It would have to be part of a larger project.

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# Opinion

## Blood donations needed this winter

Blood is vital to our existence. It is always in need.

Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. In order to meet patient needs, the American Red Cross needs to collect 22,000 units of blood each weekday and around 15,000 units each weekend.

That's a lot of blood.

However, blood collections don't last forever. In fact, blood has a shelf life of only 42 days; platelet donations are even more perishable - they must be used within five days of collection.

The roughly one-hour process of donating blood can help trauma victims, heart surgery patients, organ transplant recipients, premature babies and patients receiving treatment for leukemia, cancers and many other diseases.

All blood types are needed, especially type O negative. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood.

High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

We encourage our readers to consider donating blood at one of several upcoming blood drives:

On Wednesday, Feb. 12, Westfield State University will host a blood drive at Parenzo Gym at the university campus from 1 to 7 p.m. Donation types accepted are double red cells and blood.

On Friday, Feb. 14, an American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at Southwick Town Hall, 454 College Highway, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Donation types accepted will be double red cells and blood. Donors will receive a free Yankee Candle.

On Tuesday, Feb. 18, an American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Westfield from noon to 6 p.m. All presenting donors will receive a free Monro Muffler coupon.

The next American Red Cross Blood Drive to be held in Agawam will take place Wednesday, March 5 at The Ice Cream Shop, 459 Springfield Street, from 2 to 7 p.m.

Never donated blood before? Here are a



few things you should know before making your donation:

- Drink plenty of fluids before and after the donation.
- Wear something comfortable: short sleeves or loose clothing.
- Be sure to eat iron-rich foods in the weeks before your donation.
- If taking medications (both prescribed and over the counter), bring a list to the blood drive so volunteers know what may be in your system.

Don't wait. Roll up your sleeve and be a hero to someone who needs you.

To find out more about local donations sites for the American Red Cross, visit [www.redcrossblood.org/](http://www.redcrossblood.org/)

## Ask for the nations

The psalmist says this in Psalms 2:8-12, "Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery. Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him." (NIV)

We need to ask God for our nation. There is a revolt against godliness and moral values. People are rising up in America and boldly defying that this is a nation under God. Yet Jesus loves and wants America and He wants us to ask for America.

This nation is sinking, slipping from its foundations.

The Constitution is being redefined and the bible is being removed. We are warned in 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 which says, "Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man

doomed to destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God" (NIV).

There is and is coming a great rebellion, a falling away from biblical norms. The word in Greek used for rebellion is "apostasia" from which our word apostasy is derived. The word implies a political revolt, an open and aggressive defiance against the laws of God.

God sits in heaven and laughs at man's revolt. This is not the time for the church to be discouraged, but it is time for the church to boldly ask; to ask God for our nation. God has promised the nations as an inheritance to Christ and whatever He inherits we also inherit because we are called co-heirs with Christ. (Galatians 4:7, Romans 8:17)

So Lord, we ask you to begin to draw all nations into your body. While the world rejects you and mocks you, we ask for the nations and especially our nation, America. God bless America.

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# Memories of Rose and Ernest

Sometimes a story comes to me and it almost seems like some big guy in the sky has something to do with it. Part of me thinks it's luck, but the other part thinks it's more than that.

Last fall, I was looking through a box of books at a tag sale when I found a program for the AHS 1940 musical, "The Pirates of Penzance." Directed by Ruth Perry, it was the same musical that Peter Carando sang the lead in for Darcy Davis in 1955, the first year for Darcy and our new high school. Cindy, the young woman in charge of the tag sale, would not let me buy it. She wanted to give it to me and said that if I could wait, she had something else inside that, like the program, used to belong to Rose Paro, the woman who used to own her house.

Cindy brought me what I would call a small dance card or booklet which had been used by Rose at the junior-senior promenade on May 14, 1943. Inside were the names of the junior class officers: Lewis Jones, president; Lois Fournier, vice president; Jean Blackburn, secretary and Francis Hart, treasurer. The next little page had a list of the patrons and patronesses: Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Phelps, Mr. and Mrs. F.T. Dacey, Miss Eleanor Smith, Miss Ruth Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. I. Nolin and Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Jones. Rose had filled in the center pages which had the order of dances. She began the evening with Ernest in the grand march. The next four dances were fox trots which she did with Bob, Don, Francis and Joe. Dance six was a fox trot again and Ernest was back as her partner. He stayed on for dance seven, a waltz. Irving was her partner for dance eight, another fox trot. Paul S. had a fox trot with dance nine and Herbert M. waltzed with Rose for dance 10. A fox trot with Bill for number 11 and Rose saved the last dance, a waltz, for Ernest.

The back page was titled "Memories." Rose filled in the blank spaces and this is how it reads: "I always remember that glorious evening I spent with Ernest P. at the junior senior promenade May 14, 1943. The decorations and refreshments were grand. We arrived at 8 and I had the grand march with Ernest P. I very much enjoyed the beautiful waltz I had with Ernest. We went to Tinti's and when I finally crawled up the stairs with my shoes off, it was 1:15 o'clock. I had the most wonderful evening I've had for a long time."

The prom book was put in a safe place, sure to be a story if more could be found out about Rose. Then luck or fate, something took over. A few weeks ago I was putting away some old columns and one or two were upside down. There it was, the obituary of Rose Paro on the back of the Dec. 18, 2008 column from the Agawam Advertiser News. Rose wanted her story told!



Rose (Velata) Paro

Rose (Velata) Paro graduated from AHS in 1944. She was engaged to Ernest at graduation and he had left school to be a Marine. Rose joined the Army Air Corps, serving at Fort Sam Houston in Texas where she got to meet Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. She married Ernest Paro after the war and they later had a daughter, Sandra. Ernest was known as "Chis." He died in 1982 and their daughter Sandra died a few years ago, but Rose and Ernest's love story will live on in

my memory and now in yours also.  
*EDITOR'S NOTE: Walt Willard went to AHS and taught math there for 16 years. He can be reached at 786-7924. Call him. Walt loves your feedback and any and all information or tidbits you can offer.*

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The program booklet for the AHS 1943 Junior-Senior Promenade

# A perfect Sunday morning breakfast

While back, I gave you a recipe for "French Toast-On-The-Go." Today's recipe is just for two and it makes a nice breakfast for a Saturday or Sunday morning and perfect on a morning when you

**Maple Rum Sauce**  
1/4 C. maple syrup  
2 tsp. butter  
Dash of rum extract

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TWO  
ANN MACEY

are snowed in. I always make this with whole wheat cinnamon raisin swirl bread but you may substitute plain white or whole wheat while adding an extra pinch of cinnamon and about two tablespoons of raisins. Sprinkle the raisins in with the bread.

If desired, you may prepare this recipe, as directed, the night before. The next morning you may reheat in the microwave preparing the maple rum sauce at the last minute. Crisp bacon and a fresh fruit cup are a wonderful compliment to this dish. I like the ready-to-serve bacon that takes only 45 seconds to prepare in the microwave.

**Rum Raisin French Toast**  
2 tsp. butter, softened  
3 slices cinnamon raisin bread, cut into 1/2" cubes  
1 1/2 tsp. brown sugar  
1/4 tsp. vanilla  
Pinch of cinnamon  
1/2 C. milk  
1 egg

In a medium-large bowl; melt butter in microwave for about 15 seconds. Add cubed bread and toss until coated with butter. Spread bread cubes into a glass 8" x 4" x 2" loaf pan that has been sprayed with non-stick cooking spray. Using the same medium-large bowl; combine brown sugar, vanilla, cinnamon, milk, and egg with a wire whisk. Pour egg mixture over bread cubes making sure that all bread is wet. Bake in a 375° oven for 20-22 minutes or until knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Allow to set for 3-5 minutes before serving with maple rum sauce. In a small microwaveable cup; heat all 3 sauce ingredients until heated through, about 15 seconds. Yield: 2 servings.

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*Ann Macey is the author of 'Ann's Table For Two: Quick and Easy Two Serving Recipes' and a resident of Agawam. Ann always welcomes your questions and comments and you may contact her at: AnnsTable@gmail.com.*

# ACC meeting scheduled for Feb. 11

The Agawam Cultural Council (ACC) will meet Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, located at 750 Cooper St. The meeting is open to the public.  
Anyone with an interest in providing diverse cultural events for the town is invited. A great opportunity exists with the Agawam Cultural Council (ACC). This all-volunteer organization, appointed by

the mayor and funded, in part, by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, is looking for new members.  
The ACC is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining, and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities, and sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.

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# St. Pat's Committee to host fundraising dinner

The Agawam St. Patrick's Committee will host a corned beef and cabbage dinner fundraiser, Wednesday, March 12 at 5 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, located 954 Main St.  
The public is invited to attend. Tickets are \$12 per person and the night's events will include a 50/50 raffle and Chinese raffle.

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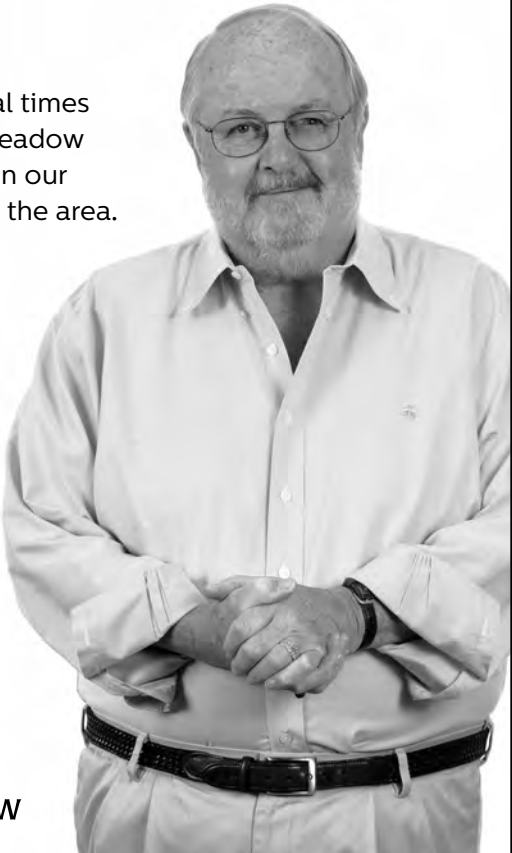
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AJHS student serves as ambassador



**School Superintendent William Sapelli (left) and AJHS Principal Norm Robbins talk with eighth grader Amanda Moquin. She represented Agawam at Project 351, a community service project in Boston on Jan. 18 that included 400 other eighth graders from around Massachusetts.**

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ner to “young budding leaders” like Moquin. In addition to providing students with support and assistance, Project 351 coaches encourage student ambassadors to spearhead service projects at their school.

‘Perfect candidate’

MacDonald called Moquin the “perfect candidate” for a one-year term of community service, leadership, and enrichment. “Amanda was recommended for Project 351 because of her commitment and dedication to helping others,” she said.

Moquin, a peer mediator who helps students resolve conflicts, has been involved in organizing various activities throughout the year to promote peaceful conflict resolution and bullying awareness. She’s also a member of the Rachel’s Table Teen Board, working with other teens to alleviate childhood hunger in Western Massachusetts and educating youth about local hunger.

As part of that work, Moquin picked apples at a farm to donate to a local food pantry, baked with the elderly (the baked goods were also donated), and helped organize a Thanksgiving food drive. She said Rachel’s Table has made her realize how much of a problem hunger is – not just around the world, but also closer to home in her own country.

“Our country produces the most food, but a lot of people still go hungry. It’s crazy. Some people have too much food and others don’t have enough,” said Moquin.

Helping others brings joy

“Amanda’s empathy for others is inspiring to those around her,” said MacDonald, who is also the advisor to the peer mediation program and to the Rachel’s Table Teen Board. “Amanda has told me how much she enjoys doing things for others. She has this great desire to help people – and hopefully this will continue throughout the rest of her life.”

Following a town meeting at Faneuil Hall hosted by the governor, Moquin and her fellow ambassadors fanned out across Boston

for an afternoon of service at several non-profit organizations before attending a closing “call to service” at the State House.

Moquin volunteered at the Pine Street Inn, a facility that serves more than 1,600 homeless adults daily. She and other ambassadors created birthday cards for tenants in permanent supportive housing, packed personal care kits for hundreds of homeless men and women served daily by outreach workers, made apple pies for the inn’s evening guests, and painted uplifting murals for the residence halls.

“It was pretty exciting to meet the governor – but the best part of my day was knowing I was doing something to make other people’s lives better,” said Moquin. “I like helping others so they can enjoy the same happiness I have.”

Family reaction

Her parents, Joanne and Gary Moquin, are “ecstatic” about their youngest daughter’s involvement with Project 351. “We’ve always been proud of her and her involvement in volunteer/community service, so this only confirmed the qualities we see in her as a caring and nurturing young woman,” said Joanne Moquin, who added that both of her daughters (oldest, Kayla, is a student at AHS) are interested in helping and volunteering. “It’s not because we pushed them – they decided for themselves. We’re always proud and eager to provide encouragement,” she added.

The Moguins said community involvement is important because it gives more depth and experience beyond school work, opening up doors to “endless possibilities” in the future. “This is a good thing for Amanda. It’s shaping her to be a well-rounded, thoughtful young woman,” said Gary Moquin.

Joanne Moquin described Amanda as “a very giving person” and “a good sharer” ever since she was in elementary school. “Amanda has always been one to find the good in others. She truly enjoys seeing others happy. She likes to put a smile on people’s faces.”

“It was pretty exciting to meet the governor – but the best part was knowing that I was doing something to make other people’s lives better.”

Amanda Moquin  
Agawam Junior High School

Comedy fundraiser to benefit Agawam Lions

The Knights of Columbus, located at 460 Granby Road, Chicopee will host a comedy fundraiser Saturday, March 1 at 7 p.m., with proceeds to benefit the Agawam Lions Club. Featured performers for the event are Jody Sloane, Tom Hayes and Steve Guilmette.

Tickets, which are \$20 per person, may

be purchased at Bob’s Barber Shop, 13 Maple St., Agawam, and Southgate Liquors on Suffield Street in Agawam or by calling Shawn Disley at (413) 687-0268 or Dick Lanier at (413) 335-5434.

Doors open at 6 p.m. There will be a cash bar, raffles, light music and the performance will include mild adult themes.

Council split on contract negotiations

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are seeking far exceeds that.”

Perry says the salary reserve item for the increases was cut in order to keep the tax levy below the threshold that would have increased the tax rate on both residents and businesses.

“I feel like we need to stick to the decision we made in June,” said Perry.

Agreeing with him were councilors Cecilia Calabrese, Donald Rheault, and Robert Rossi, who all voted against funding the contract. Councilors George Bitzas, Paul Cavallo, James Cichetti, Joseph Mineo, and Anthony Suffriti all voted in favor of funding the contract. Councilor Gina Letellier was absent from the meeting.

Mayor Richard A. Cohen expressed disappointment after learning the council had chosen not to fund the 2 percent raise.

“The contracts were negotiated in good faith,” said Cohen. “The school side received raises. It is unfair to the city employees to not give them the same thing.”

Cavallo and Bitzas both argued in favor of the raises. Cavallo said the practice for the past 15 years is to give equal percentage raises to employees in town departments as the ones given to school district employees. The council did not take money out of the school salary reserve.

Bitzas believed the town could afford the raises.

“I know it is difficult times right now,”

said Bitzas. “But I believe the town can afford this. These are fair raises. It is 5 percent over three years. These are people who have families they need to take care of.”

Three lawyers for the unions spoke during the public comment portion of the meeting asking the council for their approval of the raises.

Attorney John Connor said the unions negotiated in good faith.

“Since July 2010, the salary increases have increased at an average of 1.3 percent,” said Connor. “That is a very modest increase.”

The denial of the contracts means Cohen and his law department will have to return and renegotiate the contracts with the unions.

The same issue happened in 2011. The council refused to fund contracts that included a 0 percent increase, followed by increases of 1 percent and 2 percent. The contracts would eventually be approved.

The affected unions are Agawam Police Supervisors Association, Agawam Clerical Employees Association, Agawam Department of Public Works Employees Association, Agawam Police Patrolmen’s Association, Agawam Building Maintenance Association, Agawam Administrative Unions, and AFL-CIO, Local 1973 Firefighters Association.

Several members of each union were present at the meeting, though no individual members spoke during public comment.

YMCA breaks ground in Agawam

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not be a traditional YMCA with a pool and full gymnasium, however. It was have a fitness center, technology center, and café. There will also be space for fitness classes such as Zumba.

Smith said it will have the look and feel of a community center.

“This is a cutting edge concept,” he said. “This is a place where people can either work out or maybe get something done on the computer, or just have a snack and hang out with friends.”

Six Flags New England had a strong presence at the event, with two of their Looney Tunes mascots greeting visitors to the press conference. Six Flags made a sizable, undisclosed donation toward the construction of the new Y. The donation was large enough that the fitness center will be named for Six Flags, Smith said.

Smith credited Agawam Mayor Richard A. Cohen with being a true partner and friend in the development of the concept.

Cohen said he is pleased to see more positive things happening in the plaza formerly known as the Foodmart plaza. He is also pleased to see the YMCA have a presence in town for the first time in more than 40 years.

“The last thing we had in town over 40 years ago was Camp Millbrook,” said Cohen. “Now we are going to have something new and exciting. It’s going to be a prototype. No one in the region is going to have a

facility like this.”

City Councilors George Bitzas and Anthony Suffriti were both present for the groundbreaking. The council has recently been evaluating a zone change for the area and Bitzas said he is pleased to see progress.

“I’m very excited to have the Y come here in town,” said Bitzas. “It is another step in the right direction to re-vitalize this area.”

Smith said he began working with Cohen in 2005.

“There were times where we were not sure this was ever going to happen,” said Smith. “But I am really happy to be here to break ground on this location.”

Smith said the new Y is going to be considered a hybrid of sorts because it lacks the traditional gymnasium and swimming pool of a YMCA facility. He said those are two of the most costly parts of building a Y and he is hoping that this facility will encourage similar types to come to fruition because the option may be more affordable.

Like other Y’s, there will be memberships sold. Anyone at the press conference who purchased charter memberships were given the pledge that his or her membership dues will never increase during their lifetime.

The new Y is expected to be completed sometime in April.

The fitness and wellness center is a new concept in New England, but similar versions are located in Florida, Smith said. They are known as Y! Express.

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# Public Safety

## FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 66 EMS calls and 12 fire and emergency response calls for the week of Jan. 21 to Jan. 27.

On Jan. 21 at 11:50 a.m., the department responded to Highland Street for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.

On Jan. 21 at 5:50 p.m., the department responded to Mill Street to assist invalid.

On Jan. 21 at 10:16 p.m., the department responded to the intersection of South Street and Cosgrove Avenue for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On Jan. 22 at 6:53 p.m., the department responded to North Street for carbon monoxide detector activation, no carbon monoxide.

On Jan. 23 at 10:44 a.m., the department responded to Faymore Drive for a structure fire.

On Jan. 24 at 8:58 a.m., the department responded to Poplar Street to assist invalid.

On Jan. 24 at 1:59 p.m., the department responded to Royal Street to assist police or other governmental agency.

On Jan. 25 at 8:35 p.m., the department responded to Cooley Street for water or steam leak.

On Jan. 26 at 6:19 p.m., the department responded to S West Street for a chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue.

On Jan. 27 at 3:29 a.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for alarm system sounding due to malfunction.

On Jan. 27 at 8:15 a.m., the department responded to Corey Colonial for a service call.

On Jan. 27 at 4:11 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for a structure fire.

# Seniors

## Agawam Senior Center

### Weekly calendar of events

Monday, Feb. 3: Chapter 2 Mohegan Sun Trip; Free Hearing Test w/Ear Masters; 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9:30 a.m., Painting Club, Line Dancing; 10 a.m., Fallon Ins. Meeting; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., Bingo; 4 p.m., Tap Class; 5 p.m., First Zumba Class.

Tuesday, Feb. 4: 9 a.m., Exercise, Knitting, Sewing; 10 a.m., PACE; 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, Mah Jongg, Movie (“All of Me”); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 4:30 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginner Line Dance; 6:30 p.m., Evening Sewing Class.

Wednesday, Feb. 5: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 10 a.m., Friends Meeting; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble, Ballroom Dancing Begins; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 2 Meeting; Western Mass. Genealogy Meeting.

Thursday, Feb. 6: 8 a.m.-Noon, Tax Prep. (by appt.); 9 a.m., Exercise; 9:30 a.m., Quilting; 10 a.m., Line Dancing; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Pitch, Open Art Class; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6:30 p.m., Pitch.

Friday, Feb. 7: 9:15 a.m., Oil Painting; 10 a.m., Tai Chi; 11:15 a.m., Yoga; Noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Pitch, Cribbage; 5 p.m., Zumba.

### Lunch menu

Monday, Feb. 3: Chicken stir-fry, brown rice, apples.

Tuesday, Feb. 4: American chop suey, fresh garden salad, birthday cake.

Wednesday, Feb. 5: Tortellini soup, meatball grinder, homemade macaroni salad, peaches.

Thursday, Feb. 6: Chicken cacciatore in peppers and onions, pasta and sauce w/ grated cheese, pudding.

Friday, Feb. 7: Baked fish, rice pilaf, spinach, pineapples.

## Heritage Woods to host open house

Heritage Woods Senior Living, located at 462 Main St., will be hold an open house Saturday, Feb. 15 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Nicole Wallace at 789-8332.

## SWORN TO SERVE



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A swearing-in ceremony for Agawam Police Officer Brett Yvon took place at the town hall Wednesday, Jan. 22. From left, Sgt. Mark Pfau, Sgt. Donald Gallerani, Chief Eric Gillis, Mayor Richard A. Cohen, Yvon, and Officer Richard McDonnell.

## POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 301 calls for service from Jan. 21 to Jan. 27. The department made five arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

**Thursday, Jan. 23**

Domenic J. Moccia, 25, of 33 Norman Terrace, Apt. 34, Agawam, was arrested on charges of assault and battery and larceny from person.

**Saturday, Jan. 25**

Stephen R. Slater, 46, of 89 Parkview Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested on a charge of domestic assault and battery.

Paul E. Duude, 47, of 23 Suffield St., Apt. 10, Agawam, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Lisa M. Ryan, 43, of 23 Suffield St., Apt. 11, Agawam, was arrested on a warrant.

**Monday, Jan. 27**

Robert C. Remillard, 34, of 1025 Main St., Apt. A, Agawam, was arrested on charges of operating motor vehicle with license revoked as habitual traffic offender, and possession of Class E drug.

## Notes from the Music Room

By Darcy Davis

In concluding my thoughts about the Rose Bowl Parade and the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade, it seemed a shame to not have some kind of time for the bands at these events to get together to enjoy and “show off” to each other.

I know that was one of the benefits of some that we went to and you really had a chance to enjoy the achievements of each other. I understand that there was something of this nature that was done this year at New York, but I didn’t get a chance to get information about it. A good step in the right direction.

I also understand that something that our present band under Director Bill Hueglin, who is doing such a great job in all aspects of the program, may be coming up. Things that can provide stimulation and inspiration without getting into the extreme fundraising that can be involved in getting to these large festivals. We can truly be proud of our program at all levels.

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# In the Classroom

## Tickets available for Phelps dinner, talent show



Phelps School 4th-grade emcees Clara Laudato and Jack Litz smile for the camera.

AGAWAM - Students at Phelps Elementary School will host the second Annual Pasta Dinner and Talent Show, Wednesday, Feb. 5 at Agawam Junior High School on Springfield St. Dinner will include pasta, garlic bread, drink and dessert and will be served from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m., followed by the tal-

ent show at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, which are now available at the school, are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 5 through 12 and free for children 4 and under. Snow date is Thursday, Feb. 6.

## Agawam Schools' weekly lunch menu

**AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL**  
The Agawam High School lunch menu is posted on the school's website.

**AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**  
Monday, Feb. 3: Baked chicken O's w/dipping sauce, steamed white rice, seasoned green beans, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, Feb. 4: Buffalo popcorn chicken wrap, baked chips, coleslaw, fresh and chilled fruit.

Wednesday, Feb. 5: American chop suey w/parmesan cheese, stuffed breadstick, seasoned corn, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, Feb. 6: Stuffed crust cheese pizza, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

Friday, Feb. 7: Cheeseburger on a roll w/lettuce and tomato, baked potato wedges, vegetable, and chilled fruit.

**ROBERTA G. DOERING SCHOOL**  
Monday, Feb. 3: Baked chicken O's w/dipping sauce, steamed white rice, seasoned green beans, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, Feb. 4: Mini chicken corndogs w/ketchup, mashed potatoes, seasoned

carrots, fresh and chilled fruit.  
Wednesday, Feb. 5: American chop suey w/parmesan cheese, stuffed breadstick, seasoned corn, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, Feb. 6: Stuffed crust cheese pizza, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

Friday, Feb. 7: Cheeseburger on a roll w/lettuce and tomato, baked potato wedges, vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.

### AGAWAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, Feb. 3: Baked chicken O's w/dipping sauce, steamed white rice, seasoned green beans, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, Feb. 4: Mini chicken corndogs w/ketchup, mashed potatoes, seasoned carrots, fresh and chilled fruit.

Wednesday, Feb. 5: Macaroni and cheese, stuffed breadstick, vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, Feb. 6: Stuffed crust cheese pizza, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

Friday, Feb. 7: Cheeseburger on a roll w/lettuce and tomato, baked potato wedges, vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.

## Former student returns to AHS as 'Visiting Guest Artist'



Lisa Hersey gave a silk screening demonstration to AHS art students recently as part of the Visiting Guest Artist program.

Lisa Hersey, a graduate of Agawam High School and a 2012 graduate of Montserrat College of Art, was the guest speaker recently at AHS as part of the Visiting Guest Artist program, funded in part by the Agawam Cultural Council

Students from 15 art classes of teachers Deb Florek, Amber Waters and Dianna DeCaro viewed Hersey's art and heard her "art story."

"I wanted to share with students how businesses look for resumes with experience which can be gained through unpaid internships," said Hersey. "I did an internship with Imposition Press, under artist Sarah Smith. After graduation, I interned with Amy Borezo, which turned into a job. I recently started my own business, Antler Editions, where I silk screen and bind books. I wanted to share this experience with students and show how I am working toward my goal."

Hersey gave a silk screening demonstration and students were able to print images as well. In the spring, she will return to speak to new art classes.



Lisa Hersey, right, a graduate of AHS, is pictured with Steve Lemanski, AHS principal, at her Visiting Guest Artist demonstration.

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## Campus Notes...

**Coastal Carolina University:** Elizabeth Caracciolo and Joshua Doherty, of Feeding Hills, were named to the fall semester dean's list.

**Hofstra University:** Briana Maggi, of Agawam, was named to the fall semester dean's list.

**University of Massachusetts Dartmouth:** Kimberly Fiedler, of Agawam; and Caroline Daubitz, Matthew Montano, and Anthony Montano, of Feeding Hills, were named to the fall semester

dean's list. Stephanie Scherpa, of Feeding Hills, was named to the fall semester chancellor's list.

**University of New Hampshire:** Hannah Pender, of Agawam, was named to the fall semester dean's list.

**Roger Williams University:** Shavon Ennis, of Agawam; and Megan Breault, Joshua Jacques, Allison Weiner, Jacqueline Bakhtiar, and David Balise, of Feeding Hills, were named to the fall semester dean's list.

## Upcoming fundraisers to benefit PTOs

The public is invited to two upcoming fundraisers, with proceeds to benefit the five Agawam School PTOs.

A Splendid Mother and Daughter Tea Social and Luncheon will be held Sunday, March 30 from 1-4 p.m. at Crestview Country Club in Agawam. A Father and Son Outing with Golf, Games and a BBQ is sched-

uled for Sunday, June 22 from 1-4 p.m., also at Crestview Country Club in Agawam.

Both events are open to the public and to residents of Agawam and all surrounding communities.

To register, visit [www.b4rem.com](http://www.b4rem.com) or email [marie@b4rem.com](mailto:marie@b4rem.com). For more information, call Marie at (413) 364-2323.



# Families

## AJWC installs new officers, directors

At the January club meeting, the GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club (AJWC) held its installation of officers and directors for 2014.

AJWC also recognized two club members for their significant contributions to club and the community at large. Christina Beauchemin was presented with the Martha Michalewicz Clubwoman of the Year Award, an award going to a woman who has gone above the call of duty for her club. Janine Iacolo was presented with the Marilyn Perry Leadership Award, an award going to a clubwoman who has demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities and abilities and used them to benefit both GFWC club and her community.

This year, AJWC is celebrating 57 years of volunteer service in the community. It is also a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, which is one of the largest female volunteer organizations in the world.

Anyone interested in learning more about AJWC and its volunteer projects is invited to join them at the next monthly meeting to be held at the Agawam Senior Center Tuesday, Feb. 18. The social gathering begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by the regular meeting at 7 p.m. AJWC meetings are always open to the public.

For more information about how to become a member of AJWC, contact Membership Chairperson Christina Beauchemin at 427-8784.



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**Special honors went to AJWC members Christina Beauchemin and Janine Iacolo at a recent meeting.**



**GFWC AJWC 2014 officers and directors (back row, from left) Theresa Conklin, newsletter editor; Danielle Light, recording secretary; Mary Cincotta, corresponding secretary; Janine Iacolo, Ways and Means; and Sarah Williams, treasurer. Front row (from left), Samantha Rudd, 1st vice president; Mary O'Connell and Donna Shibley, co-presidents; Christina Beauchemin, 2nd vice president. Missing from photo, Kathy Mounemineh, publicity chairperson.**

## Robert and Ann Clapp celebrate 50th anniversary



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**Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clapp**

Robert and Ann Clapp, of Feeding Hills, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their family and friends at St. Anne Country Club in Feeding Hills.

The couple were married Nov. 9, 1963 at St. Louis de Franch Church in West Springfield. They are the parents of Donna Clapp and Denise Pelchat, both of Feeding Hills, and have two grandchildren, Collin and Garrett.

Formerly of West Springfield, Robert Clapp served in the United States Navy and retired from the West Springfield Fire Department, where he served as a fireman and acting lieutenant. He was also the co-owner of RC Wood Products with his twin brother, Roger, doing most of their work for Yankee Candle and Barclay Furniture.

Ann Clapp was a former hairdresser and homemaker. She now has her own leisure craft business, specializing in custom cards, ornaments and unique gifts.



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People fill the tables for their winter picnic lunch consisting of burgers, hot dogs, ref...



Mariann Kinney entertains the kids with balloon animals, swords and flowers.

The St. John's Annual Winter Picnic was held Sunday, Jan. 26 at the Parish Center on Main Street in Agawam. The public was invited to warm up this winter with some summer foods.

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by Kimberly Hatch



Church member Kelley Tessicini serves David Conley some refried beans.



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# 2 warm up this winter



dried beans, potato salad and chips.



Christopher Reagan converses with Mary Kate Reidy over lunch.



Jack Goodfellow spends his time behind the grill flipping burger patties.



Grimaldi oversees the hotdogs.



Emily (left) and Tulia Mazella, 9, help themselves to some pickle spears.





# SPORTS

## Agawam pins down Ludlow

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
*Turley Publications  
Sports Correspondent*

AGAWAM – The Agawam wrestling team was able to pick up a win over Ludlow last Wednesday night, dominating the Lions 48-15.

The Brownies were powered by forfeits and pinfalls as they worked right through Ludlow’s thin lineup.

Ludlow had a brief advantage very early in the meet when Brian Cormier defeated Vincent Derosé at 170 pounds. Cormier was able to pick up the first takedown of the meet and kept control until the end of the first period.

Derosé got the first choice and took the up position in the second period. The choice did not pay off as he was reversed. But Derosé got back in the match and scored a reverse of his own. Later in the meet, Cormier was able to get a nearfall and another reverse and picked up the 8-2 decision victory.

At 182 pounds, Fred Karl-Morin defeated Matthew Connors with a pinfall victory in the first period of the match.

Karl-Morin got an early takedown and a nearfall. After getting



Turley Publications photo by Gregory A. Scibelli  
**Agawam's Vincent Derosé tries to keep control over Ludlow's Brian Cormier.**

another nearfall, Karl-Morin used Connors arm to turn over the Ludlow grappler for the pin.

Nick Hope was very impressive at the heavyweight position. He was able to score a pinfall in just 33 seconds. Hope displayed great power in throwing Josh Paulo of Ludlow.

Hope would pick up Paulo and throw him to the mat. Shortly after, he scored the pinfall to make it 24-3 Agawam.

Later on at 120 pounds, Daigan Bishop got a pinfall victory in the first period. He was originally down in the match to Dominic Coelho, but he scored a reversal. Coelho tried to get up, but Bishop utilized a leg trip to take Coelho back down and get the pinfall with 31 seconds left in the first period.

At 138 pounds, Anthony Caracciolo was a winner by pinfall in just one minute. He scored a takedown about 20 seconds in, then needed approximately 40 seconds to secure two shoulders to the mat.

Anthony Basile was a winner at 145 pounds with a pinfall victory in the second period. Ludlow's Nick Godbout got the takedown, but Basile would escape and then aggressively go for a takedown. Once in control, he got a nearfall

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## Minnechaug defense turns back Lady Brownies

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
*Turley Publications  
Sports Correspondent*

AGAWAM – Agawam was denied a last-second shot at winning the game as Minnechaug girls basketball team escaped with a 34-33 victory on the road last Friday night.

The Brownies trailed by just one point when Danielle Stratton was fouled on the floor with about eight seconds left. Play was restarted as Agawam tried to move the ball around quick enough to get a quality shot off.

But Minnechaug’s defense was very aggressive as they had been the entire game. The Falcons knocked the ball out of bounds with 0.2 seconds left in the clock. Agawam tried to make a one-timer pass, but the small amount of time was not enough to the shot off and Agawam was denied a chance at victory.

Both teams engaged in a defensive struggle the entire game, resulting in a very low-scoring affair for the two Division 1 teams.

Agawam actually led throughout much of the game, but Minnechaug was able to take the lead during the second half, and took at a 28-27 lead to end of the third quarter.

Stratton would score a basket to



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**Agawam's Danielle Stratton tries to attack the hoop from the side.**

start the fourth quarter and gave the Brownies a 29-28 lead. With 5:05 left, Minnechaug’s Caitlin McGregor would make a pair of free throws, her only points of the game, to give the lead back to the Falcons at 30-29.

Erin Baker would then score for the Falcons to make it 32-29. With 3:50 left, Stratton would connect for a basket to bring the Brownies within one point. Kara Bruce then scored on a short jumper with 2:10 left to make it 34-31.

Struggling to get shots with Minnechug tight on defense, Becca Uschmann was able to lift off a hook shot to bring the Brownies within one with about a minute remaining.

Agawam’s defense did a great job keeping the Falcons from scoring again in the final minute, but the Falcons were able to eat about 30 seconds off the time, limiting Agawam’s ability to score.

The game was very tight to start

See BROWNIES, page 13

## Lancers, Bulldogs halt Agawam success

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
*Turley Publications  
Sports Correspondent*

AGAWAM – The Agawam boys basketball team has gone through another tough stretch as they saw their five-game winning streak broke up by Longmeadow and Sabis during the past week.

The Brownies are still above .500 with an 8-6 record, but are looking for those two more wins to qualify for the Western Massachusetts Division 1 Tournament.

On Monday night, the Brown-

ies found themselves in a battle early on with Sabis International Charter School. It was the Bulldogs that exploded at the end of the night to pick up a 74-71 victory, coming all the way from behind.

Agawam and Sabis were nose-to-nose early on with both teams on fire on offense. At the end of the first quarter, host Sabis was able to escape leading 19-18. Both teams continued to score with frequency, but Agawam was able to gain a slight advantage, outscoring the Bulldogs near halftime.

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## Askins, Brownies stonewall Tigers

Move into first place

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
*Turley Publications  
Sports Correspondent*

AGAWAM – After a tough week with four games in seven days and suffering their first two losses of the regular season, the Agawam ice hockey team had their final game in a long stretch and picked up a victory.

Agawam defeated South Hadley for the second time this season

3-1 and claimed first place in the Berry Division for themselves.

The Brownies have completely dominated South Hadley for the past two seasons after South Hadley (formerly Holyoke) ran rough shot over the Brownies for five years.

Agawam scored a goal in the first period, but was matched with a goal from Ben Kravitz to tie the score 1-1. In the second period, Agawam was able to tally twice

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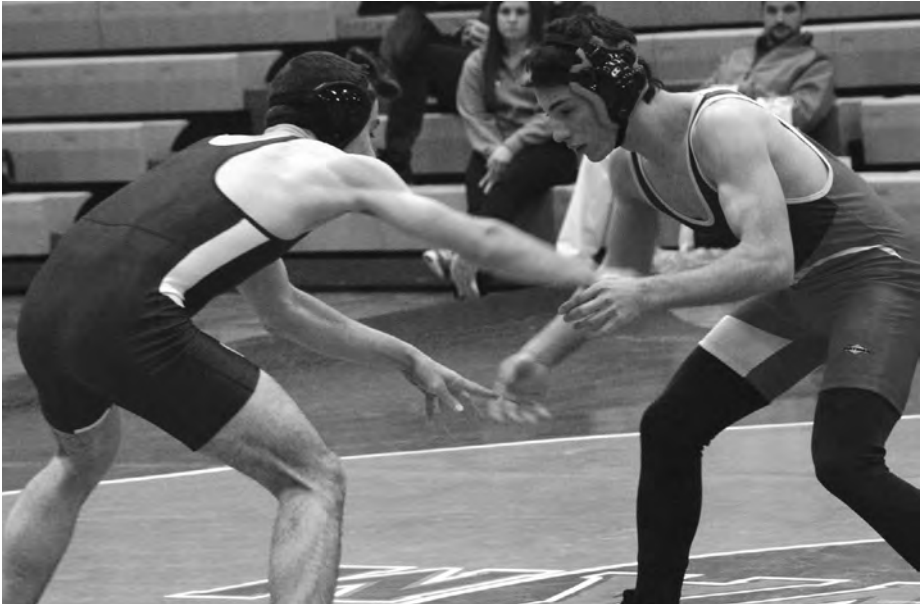
before picking the pin in the second period.

David Rodriguez ended the meet with a pinfall in about a minute and a half over Justin Domingos.

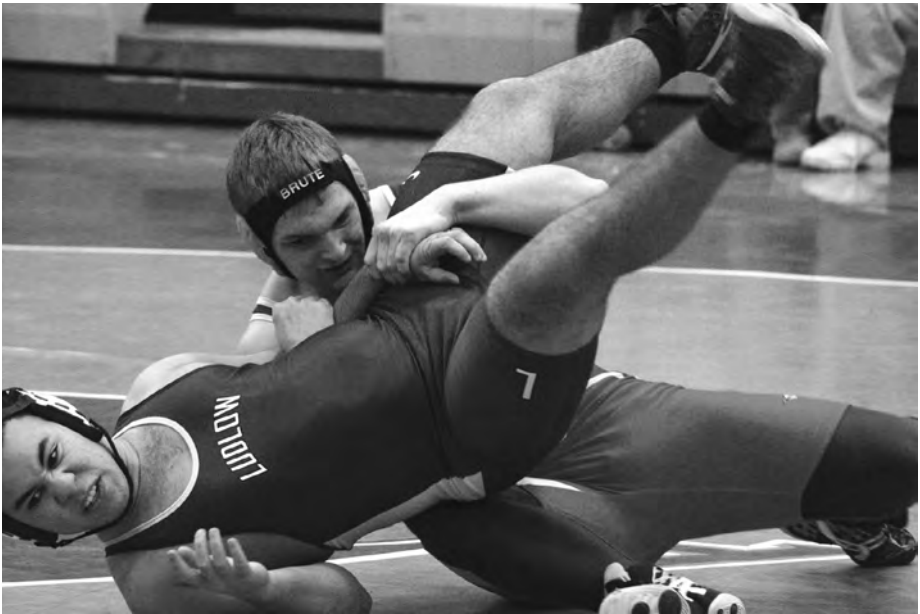
The Brownies are now 11-6 this season in duals meets. They were scheduled to

face Longmeadow Wednesday night, and this weekend, they will travel to Pathfinder for a set of dual meets beginning at 9 a.m.

*Gregory A. Scibelli is a sports correspondent for Turley Publications. He can be reached at gscibelli@turley.com.*



Anthony Caracciolo gets ready to lock up at 138 pounds.



Fred Karl-Morin tries to turn over Ludlow opponent Matthew Connors.

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Agawam would lead 34-33 at the break, and came out on fire with a 22-point run in the third quarter. The Brownies were able to increase their lead to nine points heading into the fourth quarter.

While Agawam's offense did not completely stall, they were not able to stop Sabis on defense as the Bulldogs scored 27 points to go ahead of them at the end of the game.

Despite the loss, Agawam had something to celebrate with an individual accomplishment as Tyler Desrosiers set a career-high with 44 points. He would lead all scorers. Desrosiers was phenomenal from all over the court. He had five two-point field goals, seven 3-pointers, and made 13 free throws as he accounted for more than half of Agawam's points.

Agawam also got 12 points from Talon Brown.

Sabis had a balanced attack, with four players scoring in double digits.

Last Thursday night, Agawam was up-

ended by an emerging Longmeadow team. The Lancers used strong defense early in the second half to building a big lead and go to win 71-57.

Agawam played very well in the first half, but were unable to match Longmeadow's offense. The Brownies trailed 34-32 at half-time.

The Brownies struggled very early in the second half as they were limited to just three points in the entire third quarter. Longmeadow was able to build a 15-point lead, and road that in the fourth quarter to a victory.

Agawam was led by Desrosiers with 24 points. Brown had 17 and T.J. Lockwood had 11 points. Desrosiers had four treys and Brown contributed three.

The Brownies are 4-3 in the Suburban League and find themselves in third place. Longmeadow and Sabis are atop the league with records of 7-0 and 7-1, respectively.

Agawam plays Friday, hosting Chicopee Comp at 7 p.m.

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more and played excellent defense for the rest of the game.

Freshman goalie Nick Askins made his second start of the season and made 21 saves. Askins is receiving some playing time in place of starter Chris Wallis. Askins is likely to succeed the senior Wallis next year.

Scoring goals for the Brownies was Brian Scoville, Eric Kierkla, and Cam Rivest. Scoville also had an assist along with Billy Wysocki and Joe Shea.

The victory ends a stretch of five games in 11 days. Agawam tied East Longmeadow before losing to Longmeadow and Marblehead. The Brownies did defeat Wayland during that stretch.

The Brownies lost a league game for the first time this season when Longmeadow defeated Agawam 4-1 on Jan. 16.

However, Longmeadow has been defeated twice this season in the league. Agawam thus leads the competitive league with a 5-1-

2 record. Longmeadow is 4-2-2. East Longmeadow has a 4-0-2 record in the league. Westfield is also not far behind with a 4-2-1 record in the league.

The Brownies are looking to make a huge impact since moving to Division 3 this year. The Brownies won the state championship in Division 3A. Agawam was then moved to Division 3 and realigned into the Berry Division, which now has eight teams.

Agawam, however, continues to benefit from having a very deep team. The Brownies have talented scorers on all three of their lines and continue to do an excellent job developing goalies, with Askins one of the next in line to make an impact at the varsity level.

Following a long eight-day layoff, Agawam has one of their toughest challenges coming up when they are scheduled to face Minnechaug Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Olympia Ice Center.

SURPRISE VISITOR



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**AGAWAM - Springfield Falcons mascot Screech made a surprise appearance at Stick Time Sports, 151 Springfield St., and participated in the birthday party of Anthony and Braden Parrelli on Friday, Jan. 24. Although he didn't score any goals in the soccer game he did make a lot of points with all in attendance.**

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off, with the teams trading leads, and finding themselves tied often at 5-5 and 11-11 before the Brownies took a 15-11 lead following a steal and a layup by Christie Mirski. Stratton would add another basket on a turnover, and Agawam led 17-11. They would go to halftime leading 19-15.

The Falcons would fight back right after the break, with Bruce scoring a 3-pointer to give Minnechaug a 20-19 lead, starting the troubles for the Agawam.

The Brownies were led by Stratton with 13 points. Mirski had 10. Minnechaug got eight points each from Baker and Bruce. Rachel Granger and Madison Babula each had seven points.

Agawam and Minnechaug will have a rematch Friday at 7 p.m. with the Falcons playing host.



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**Ali Wheeler starts a play for the Brownies.**

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# SPORTS CALENDAR

**ALL to hold spring signups Feb. 4**  
AGAWAM - Agawam Little League registration for spring 2014 will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 4 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library.

Registration fees for the 2014 season will be: T-ball (4 years old) \$50; Instructional (5-6 years old) \$70; Minors (7-9 years old), AAA (9-12 years old) and Majors (10-12 years old) \$90; Seniors (13-16 years old) \$110.

For families with more than one child playing the first child is full price, second child is half price and any additional children will be \$20.

The Objective of Agawam Little League is to install the ideals of good sportsmanship, teamwork, physical well-being, discipline and respect for authority. We are in need of individuals in all capacities. We encourage all to attend this registration to learn more about the organization and ways that you may be able to assist.

Please go to [www.agawamlittleleague.com](http://www.agawamlittleleague.com) for more information.

**Sacred Heart signups for softball**  
AGAWAM - Sacred Heart Athletic Association offers softball leagues that can accommodate girls from grades 1-8.

The cost for instructional softball (grades 1-2) is \$75 and NEYSA (grades 3-8) will be \$100.

All registrations will be held at the Sacred Heart Religious Education Center at 1103

Springfield St., Feeding Hills, on the following days: Saturday, Feb. 22 and Saturday, March 1 from 1 to 3 p.m.

We also provide the opportunity to register through the mail. Please visit our website, download the registration form and mail it directly to us! Deadline for mail in registrations is March 5.

**Fishing swap meet set for March 9**  
AGAWAM - A fishing swam meet will be held on Sunday, March 9 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Polish American Club, 139 Southwick St.

Buy, sell and trade new and used fishing and hunting gear (no guns).

The cost is a \$2 donation at the door. Kids 12 and under are free. No cost to park.

There will be raffle prizes.

Polish Club food confessions will be open with breakfast/lunch food and drinks.

Table space and boat spaces still available. If you would like to sell your items or boat, please call Dave Dussault at 413-427-0846.

For more information, go to [getyourlinewet.com](http://getyourlinewet.com).

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# McNamara drafted in MLS

## Ex-Pioneers player selected by Chivas USA

LUDLOW – Thomas McNamara was drafted by Chivas USA in the 2014 MLS SuperDraft. He was the first pick in the second round of the draft, 20th overall. McNamara, from West Nyack, N.Y., was drafted out of Clemson University. At Clemson, he had many accolades, including making the First-Team All-ACC and leading the Tigers to the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

McNamara played for the Western Mass Pioneers in 2011. With the Pioneers, he was an intelligent, attacking midfielder. “It is always great to see a Pioneers player turn professional,” said Pioneers general manager Greg Kolodziey. “McNamara was a terrific player with us, and we wish him the best of luck in Los Angeles.”

Please continue to view the Pioneers website [www.wmpioneers.com](http://www.wmpioneers.com) for team updates. For more information about this release, please contact the Pioneers office at 413-583-4814 or via email at [info@wmpioneers.com](mailto:info@wmpioneers.com).



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# COLLEGE NOTES

**Ritter helps out Wentworth**  
MARCY, N.Y. - Wentworth men’s volleyball freshman and Feeding Hills resident Colin Ritter had 34 assists in a 3-0 victory in the finals of the SUNY Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 25.

He also had 14 assists in a 3-0 win over Wells on Friday, Jan. 24, and 43 assists in a 3-1 win over Hilbert on the same day.

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The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD14P0138EA  
Estate of:  
William Lloyd Burlingham  
Date of Death: 12/11/2013  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
To all interested persons:  
A Petition has been filed by: **Mark G Burlingham** of Plainfield CT requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

And also requesting that: **Mark G Burlingham** of Plainfield CT be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 02/21/2014.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by

an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 27, 2014  
**Suzanne T Seguin**  
Register of Probate  
1/30/14

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
Docket No. HD09P1753PM  
In the matter of:  
Margaret Carroll  
Of: Longmeadow, MA  
Protected Person/  
Disabled Person/  
Respondent  
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR’S ACCOUNT**  
To the named Respondent

and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the Second & Final account(s) of **Hyman G Darling, Esq.** of Springfield, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 02/21/2014. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. 5

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 23, 2014  
**Suzanne T Seguin**  
Register of Probate  
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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD13P2469EA  
Estate of:  
Mary Ann DelNegro  
Date of Death: 08/06/2013  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
To all interested persons:  
A Petition has been filed by: **Dorothy Nardi** of Agawam MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

And also requesting that: **Dorothy Nardi** of Agawam MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 02/20/2014.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objec-

tion if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 23, 2014  
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The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
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50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-8600  
Docket No. HD14P0089EA  
Estate of: Theresa G Houle  
Also Known As:  
Theresa Grace Houle  
Date of Death: 11/27/13  
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Real C Houle** of Agawam MA, Petitioner **Alphonse T Houle** of Wilbraham MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Real C Houle** of Agawam MA, **Alphonse T Houle** of Wilbraham MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
1/30/14

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# Obituaries & Church News

## Agawam Congregational welcomes interim pastor



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### The Rev. Thomas D. Howells

Agawam Congregational Church welcomed the Reverend Tom Howells, Sunday, Jan. 5. He will serve as interim pastor now through December.

Howells grew up as the son of a coal miner in Pennsylvania. His dad was not only a miner, he was a deacon and teacher in the small Baptist church there. He became a licensed preacher when the church could no longer afford a pastor, quite an accomplishment for someone who had only an elementary school education.

Howells received an associate degree in engineering from Pennsylvania State University in 1963 and worked for several years for the Dupont Company in Delaware. After receiving a call to ministry, he studied at Cain University in Philadelphia, formerly Philadelphia College of Bible, and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Bible/Christian Education in 1970.

After his marriage to Jean, they moved to Massachusetts and enrolled in Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, where he received his Master of Divinity degree in 1973. He was ordained in an Independent Congregational Church in 1973 and received full ministerial standing in the United Church of Christ in 1982. He was then called as pastor-teacher to the Federal Community Church in Hampden.

“I began my professional career in engineering. Living and working in an academic and technical community in Delaware broadened my experience,” said Howells. “Involvement with people trained in the scientific process brought me to a time of personal questioning in which I re-examined my own Christian faith and became convinced of its validity and trustworthiness.

“My wife Jean and I celebrated our 43rd anniversary this past June and we have three grown children, Amanda, Nathan and Benjamin. Jean and I live in the Sixteen Acres area of Springfield. I look forward to an exciting journey with the Agawam Congregational Church during this interim time.”

## Catholic Women’s Club to host potluck supper

The Agawam Catholic Women’s Club will host a potluck supper at its meeting scheduled for Monday, Feb. 10. Guests are welcome. Attendees are asked to bring their favorite dish.

Donations are also requested for the penny auction that will be held that evening. New, not wanted, and/or never used items will be accepted.

The night’s events begin at 6:30 p.m. at the St. John the Evangelist Church parish center.

## Teen Challenge comes to Agawam

The public is invited to learn first hand how Teen Challenge, a faith-based, residential treatment for drug and alcohol addiction, can break the chains of addiction and change both teens and adults. Residents of the Brockton Teen Challenge Center will tell their stories of deliverance and freedom from addiction in word and song at 10 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 16, at the Agawam Methodist Church, located at 459 Mill St., across from Agawam High School. There will be time to meet with the members of Teen Challenge before the service and there will be a brunch open to all following the service.

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For more information about Teen Challenge’s visit to Agawam United Methodist, contact Ken at (413) 786-4174 or email at AgawamUMC@gmail.com. For more information about Teen Challenge, visit [www.TeenChallengeUSA.com](http://www.TeenChallengeUSA.com) or call (508) 586-1494.

## George F. Champigny 1932-2014

George F. Champigny, 79, of Alachua, Fla., died Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2014. He was born to the late George and Bertha Champigny, Feb. 16, 1932, in Springfield. George graduated from Agawam High School in 1951 and received an AA in business from Western New England College in 1956. He married Jean Gravel in 1954 and lived in Marion, Mass. before relocating to Florida in 1992. George worked at Third National Bank in Springfield, and then as a salesman with National Cash Register Company. He started his own business, Bionomic Controls in 1970. George then became a realtor until he retired in 2012. George was passionate about outdoor sports, a lover of animals, and a talented woodworker. George is survived by his wife Jean, and three children: Debra Champigny of Alachua, Fla.; George Champigny III of Key Largo, Fla; Cynthia Dubuc of Weston, Fla. He is also survived by six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast or Hailes Angel Pet Rescue in Gainesville, Fla. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15, at Allen-Beyer Funeral Home in Key Largo, Fla.



## Norma Hitchcock 1928 - 2014

Norma Ruth Hitchcock, 85, of Beekman Drive in Agawam, died peacefully Friday, Jan. 24, 2014. Born in Palmer, Dec. 26, 1928, she was the daughter of Raymond and Dorothy (Keyes) Hemphill. Norma’s mother passed away during her grade school years. She was fortunate to also be raised by her step-mother, Mildred Chase Hemphill. Mildred met Raymond during his CCC work in her hometown of North Troy, Vt., and Norma returned there for visits often. Norma was the widow of her husband of 53 years, John ‘Jack’ Hitchcock in 2000. She will be deeply missed by her children, Linda Hitchcock LeClair and husband William of Westfield, James Hitchcock of West Springfield and



Alan Hitchcock and his wife Susan of Feeding Hills. Another son, Richard Hitchcock, passed away in 1998 at the age of 49. She also leaves her beloved five grandchildren, Amy, Dan, Matt, Allison and Kim. Her niece, Barbara Hitchcock of Fiskdale, and nephew George Hitchcock of Truro, are also mourning Norma’s passing. Norma and Jack were key contributors on the building committee for Foster Memorial Church in Sixteen Acres and also taught in the Sunday School. Norma was also an active participant at all the schools her children attended. Her lifelong love of dogs was one of the topics of conversations during visits with family and friends. Her beautiful Irish Setter, Lady, was her companion when her mother passed and she was always happy with a dog (or 11). Deena, Daffy, Tina and Katy are a few of her many canine companions. Norma spent three years under the care of the wonderful staff of Heritage Hall North. The companionship of the staff and residents was a joy during her stay. Calling hours will be Friday, Jan. 31, from 4- 7 p.m. at the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home, followed with a memorial service at 7 p.m. For those wishing, please make donations in Norma’s name to Dakin Animal Shelter at Dakin Pioneer Valley Humane Society, P.O. Box 6307, Springfield, MA 01101. For more information, please visit [www.beersandstory.com](http://www.beersandstory.com). or call (413) 283-9061.

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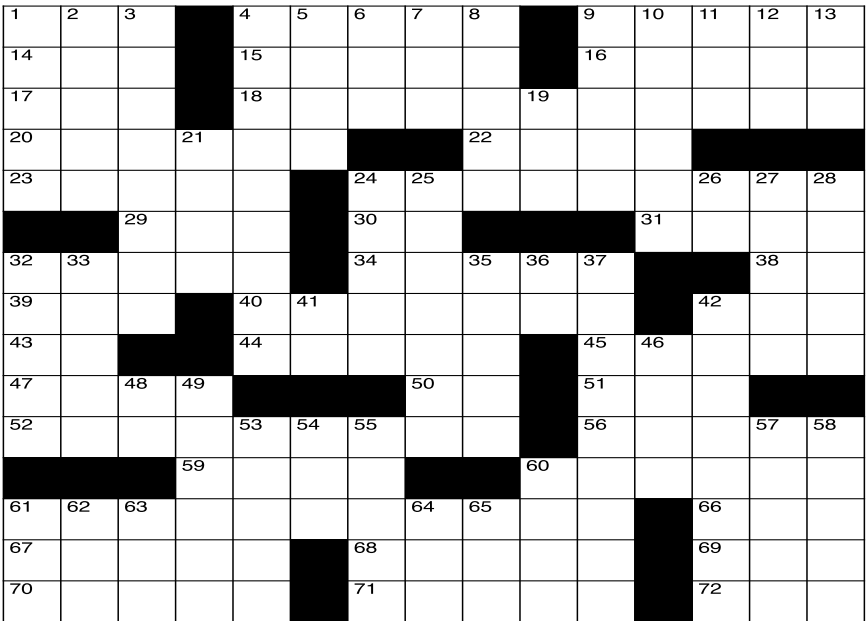
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- 4. Wallops
- 9. He supported the world
- 14. Own (Scottish)
- 15. Ungentle
- 16. Sinews
- 17. Computer processing
- 18. A Monkey’s song
- 20. Narrate or tell
- 22. Lampreys
- 23. Dialogue for the audience
- 24. Many signature requests
- 29. Cost, insurance and freight
- 30. Not under
- 31. Exchange
- 32. S. Am. river - Rio de la \_\_\_\_
- 34. Isaac’s mother (Bib.)
- 38. Sodium
- 39. Possesses
- 40. Falls

### CLUES DOWN

- 42. Animal pouch
- 43. Overdose
- 44. Samoyeds
- 45. Genus bellis
- 47. Mediation council
- 50. Beachware manufacturer
- 51. Not on
- 52. Inactive
- 56. 1963 Nobel chemist
- 59. Bambi
- 60. More ethereal
- 61. Adornments
- 66. No (Scottish)
- 67. 805 km Venezuelan river
- 68. Occasion
- 69. Time at 0 meridian (abbr.)
- 70. Nathan and George Ellery
- 71. S.I.T.C. character Jones
- 72. South southeast
- 1. Protocist genus

- 2. Hell
- 3. Copies
- 4. 1932 & 1980 Olympic mtn.
- 5. Part of harness
- 6. Macaws
- 7. Mutual savings bank
- 8. Flat or fitted bedding
- 9. Canted
- 10. Dissertation
- 11. Bulgarian monetary unit
- 12. Wonderment
- 13. Used to be United \_\_\_\_
- 19. Hawaiian garland
- 21. Nearly horizontal mine shaft
- 24. Search party group
- 25. One who makes it into law
- 26. Exclamation of pain
- 27. Grannys
- 28. Out of it (slang)

- 32. Loudness units
- 33. Soup serving dipper
- 35. Rough, grating
- 36. A public promotion
- 37. Pleasure seekers
- 41. Article
- 42. Winnows
- 46. From a distance
- 48. Rural delivery
- 49. Previously
- 53. Nostrils
- 54. Icahn’s airline
- 55. Poker stakes
- 57. Game sides
- 58. Sharp, glacial ridge
- 60. Tennis’ Kournikova
- 61. Spoken telegraphic dash
- 62. Anti pollution agency
- 63. \_\_\_\_ de sac: one end access
- 64. Marsh elder genus
- 65. Original part maker (abbr.)

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To obtain a Request for Proposals (RFP), please call 617-727-8000, extension 355, at any time or send a request to the Office of Leasing and State Office Planning at the above address. Please include your name, address, telephone and fax number or a business card, and cite the name of the agency seeking space and the RFP Project Number 201378000.1. This RFP can also be obtained through the Internet at <http://www.comm-pass.com>.

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### Saturday, Feb. 1

THE AGAWAM FAMILY AND COMMUNITY PROGRAM will host a free “storywalk,” from 9 a.m. to noon at Agawam High School. Area families are invited. For more information, call Michelle Connery, outreach coordinator, at (413) 821-0597 or email [mconnery@agawampublicschools.org](mailto:mconnery@agawampublicschools.org).

### Sunday, Feb. 2

A CARD & COLLECTIBLE SHOW will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chicopee Boys and Girls Club, 580 Meadow St. Admission is \$1; kids under 10 are free. There will be over 40 tables, a door prize drawing every 30 minutes, and the club is handicap accessible. For more information, call (413) 593-6046.

### Monday, Feb. 3

CYNTHIA LAINO, OF C/W MARS, will present “eReaders and Libraries” at the Agawam Public Library at 6:30 p.m. This event includes browsing the digital books website, OverDrive products and compatible eReaders, downloading the proper software and

transferring items to an eReader, and question and answer time. Participants are welcome to bring their devices. To register, call 789-1550 ext. 4 or visit [agawamlibrary.org](http://agawamlibrary.org).

### Tuesday, Feb. 4

THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER will host a free movie (“All of Me”) at 12:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library. No registration needed.

THE TUESDAY MORNING MUSIC CONCERT at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in Springfield will feature Teri Lafleur, soprano; Lisa Woods, mezzo-soprano; and Miguel Campinho, piano. Free refreshments provided. For more information, contact Yolanda Martin, 25 Valentine St., Springfield or John Karalekas, TMMC president, Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield 01138.

### Thursday, Feb. 6

THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH FAMILY PLAYGROUP, which takes place at the church at 745 Main St., Agawam, is open to children birth through age 5 with a parent or caregiver, meets weekly on Thursdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. It includes crafts, stories, songs, free play and more. For more information, call 786-7111 or email [jbrownacc@verizon.net](mailto:jbrownacc@verizon.net).

### UPCOMING AND ONGOING

AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL’S APPLAUSE SERIES continues Friday, Feb. 7. The Rosewood Chamber Ensemble will present the Melodies of Mark Twain at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. This and all Applause Series events are free

and open to the public.

A VALENTINE CHOCOLATE AND JEWELRY FAIR will be held at the First Congregational Church, 7 Somers Road, East Longmeadow Saturday, Feb. 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A raffle of items donated by crafters will take place. Free admission and parking.

FREE NOTICING NATURE GUIDED FAMILY WALKS will take place Sundays, Feb. 9 and Feb. 16 from 1-2 p.m. at Mt. Tom State Reservation, 125 Reservation Road, Holyoke. For families and curious adults. Dress for the weather with sturdy shoes for ice or snow. Meet at the Stone House Visitor Center, jct Reservation Road and Christopher Clark Road. Inclement weather cancels. For more information, call (413) 584-6788.

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper Wednesday, Feb. 12 at a cost of \$7 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUG will meet Sunday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St., West Springfield. A video about doubled die error coins will be shown and a small auction will take place. Refreshments available. Guests welcome. For information, call Peter Setian at 596-9871.

THE AFRICAN CHILDREN’S CHOIR will perform at the Bethany Assembly of God, 580 Main St., Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. The concert is free and open to all. A free-will offering is taken at the performance to support African Children’s Choir programs, such as education, care and relief and development programs.

ADULT DROP-IN YOGA is offered at the Agawam Public Library Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. It is a beginner’s class and open to adults 18 and over. Bring a yoga mat or blanket. No registration needed.

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## Congressional delegation urges release of fuel funds

WASHINGTON - Congressman Richard E. Neal and the entire Massachusetts Congressional Delegation sent a letter last week to Kathleen Sebelius, secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), urging her to immediately release Massachusetts full share of Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funds.

With the state currently experiencing record low temperatures, the need for this fuel assistance could not be more urgent. With the recent passage of the 2014 Consolidated Appropriations Act, the remaining \$490 million should be made available to those states across the country that continue to struggle through the hazardous winter weather. The delegation also encouraged Sebelius to increase funding for LIHEAP in the FY 2015 budget proposal.

Neal is the Dean of the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation.

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# Agawam Colleen to be crowned Feb. 9

The Agawam St. Patrick's Committee has announced the names of the six candidates vying for the 2014 Agawam Colleen. One of the contestants, Lauren D. Malone, is a senior at Holyoke Catholic High School, while Mary K. Reidy, Kerry DeForge, Kelly Theriault, Jordyn Conway and Hanna E. McCluskey are seniors at Agawam High School.

All six candidates are Agawam residents and all plan to continue their education. The Colleen will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. Contestants judging criteria is based on personality, poise, appearance and knowledge of their Irish heritage. All of the girls will be presented in their formal attire and will be escorted by a family member, father, grandfather, brother or grandfather.

The Colleen brunch will be held Sunday, Feb. 9 at Chez Josef in Agawam starting with a social hour at 9:30 a.m.

followed by the program at 10:30 a.m.

This is the 14th anniversary of the Agawam St. Patrick's Committee and the Agawam Parade Marshall, Maurice Casey; Anne Sullivan Award, Barbara Foley and the Citizenship Award recipients will be honored during the program.

The winner of the "Bill Pfau Cultural Award" will be presented and the recipient will have the opportunity to read her winning essay. The Cultural Essay contest was instituted by the Pfau family in memory of Bill, who was a founder of the Agawam Committee, a past president and parade marshal. His hope was that this committee would continue to celebrate Irish cultural and heritage.

Tickets are \$35 per person and are available by contacting Lynn Fitzpatrick at (413) 786-1608 and must be purchased before Feb. 4.

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Jordyn Conway



Kelly Theriault



Hannah McCluskey



Kerry M. DeForge



Lauren D. Malone



Mary K. Reidy

# WMA wins regional WorldQuest event

*Feeding Hills native helps team advance*

WILBRAHAM — For the second time in four years, the Wilbraham & Monson Academy's team won the World Affairs Council of Western Massachusetts Academic WorldQuest Competition, with host WMA topping a field of eight schools to advance to the national event.

The Academy team of Westfield's Danielle Bellefeuille '16, Emily Carson '15 of Somers, Conn.; East Longmeadow's Brian Popovich '15, and Hampden's Emily Zeno '15 and will participate with teams from throughout the country at the 2014 Academic WorldQuest National Competition at the Georgetown University Hotel and Conference Center in Washington D.C. April 26.

"We're thrilled to have the chance to represent the school once again at the national competition," said WMA WorldQuest Coach Gina Markowski, a 1998 graduate of Agawam High School and native of Feeding Hills.

The event also included teams from Central High School, Chicopee High School, Hampden Charter School of Science, High School of Commerce, High School of Science and Technology, Longmeadow High School and Renaissance High School.



Gina Markowski

The 2011 WMA team, which was also coached by Markowski, advanced to the national competition as well.



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From left, 2013 Agawam High School graduates Kelsey Williams and Joseph Cecchi, Kiwanis president Robin Parent, and 2013 West Springfield High School graduates Michael Robare and Ashley Jackowski.

# Kiwanis Club announces scholarship winners

The West Springfield/Agawam Kiwanis Club held its Annual Scholarship Recipient Dinner, Wednesday, Jan. 8, at the Monte Carlo in West Springfield. The four recipients, two graduates from Agawam High School and two from West Springfield High School, each received a \$1,000 scholarship.

Each has completed one semester in the college of their choice. They are Kelsey

Williams and Joseph Cecchi, 2013 graduates of Agawam High School, and Michael Robare and Ashley Jackowski, 2013 graduates of West Springfield High School.

In addition to the scholarship awards, the newest member of the Kiwanis Club, Annmary Murray, was inducted by Robin Parent, Kiwanis Club, Kiwanis, and Nancy Whitehead, Kiwanis treasurer and Murray's sponsor.



Robin Parent, left, Kiwanis president, welcomes the newest member of the club Annmary Murray, center. Also pictured is Nancy Whitehead, Kiwanis treasurer and Murray's sponsor.

# MEET AND GREET



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Karyn Polito (right), candidate for Lt. Governor of Massachusetts, met with voters at Partners Restaurant along with Agawam City Councilor Cecilia Calabrese Saturday, Jan. 25.